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RESPONSE

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Please reconsider the above identified application in view of the following remarks in response to the Office Action of September 25, 2002.

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending. All of the pending claims have been rejected as obvious under 35 USC §103. Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections.

Claim 1-20 have been rejected as obvious over Brown (US 6,161,095) in view of various other references. Brown is the primary reference and provides (2/53-62 (references to patents are "column/lines")):

"a method and system for interaction with a community of individuals, relating to compliance with and effectiveness of treatment regimens, including supply and use of pharmaceuticals, using a protocol or other intelligent message which acts in place of a service provider and which is capable of collecting or imparting information to patients in place thereof. Individuals interact with the protocol or intelligent message to provide assistance in all